



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The MS State Department of Health, Substance Use Disorder Program, is seeking to fill two (2) Social Services Specialist II positions.

The Social Services Specialists II position will be responsible for:

- Working directly with individuals at-risk or experiencing substance use disorder presenting at assigned county health department.
- Administering SBIRT, ASAM, GPRA, and counseling as needed with all individuals at-risk or experiencing substance use disorder presenting at assigned county health department.
- Reporting program successes and barriers; ensuring all reporting deadlines are met in a timely and effective manner.
- Serving as a liaison between individuals and other healthcare needs.
- Contributing to project planning, including development, implementation and monitoring of work plans, timelines, milestones, and deliverables. Writes, edits, and formats publications, presentations and reports related to assigned projects.
- Attending ongoing training.

Salary Range: \$33,600.00 - \$36,316.00

Location: Social Services Specialists IIs are located in the following counties: Alcorn, Adams, Lauderdale, Panola, Pearl River, and Washington

Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree and 1-3 years of experience.

Second-level professional position accountable for coordinating and implementing the delivery of assigned services (e.g., adoption, foster care, parent training, substitute care, family-centered services, permanency planning, family and individual or group therapy, protective and/or in-home services, biopsychosocial assessments, treatment plans, documents patient progress, participate in interdisciplinary treatment plan, refer to community resources and discharge planning) that require specialized knowledge, for the client to ensure proper care and support. At this level, employees must possess the ability to assess physical and emotional risk to the client throughout the duration of the case or in response to a reportable condition (which may include conducting home visits) to observe and interview the family and/or client; obtain information through interviews of others involved with the family and client (e.g., extended family members, school officials, doctors, churches, therapists, etc.) to determine needs, ensure stability, and safety of the client, respond to emergencies, initiate emergency court action, and/or issue a finding that either supports or finds unsupported claims of abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation.

Preferred Qualifications: Knowledge of substance use diagnosis and counseling; knowledge of common EHR processes and procedures; superior verbal and written communication skills possesses initiative and resilience in the face of ambiguity; works well both independently and as part of a team; nimble in response to an evolving workload; self-starter who can prioritize tasks and manage his/her time; systematic approach to tasks that ensures quality; openness to constructive feedback, input, redirection; positive, lifelong learning orientation; attention to detail, but always in the service of bigger picture objectives and outcomes.

Travel: County travel will be required and possibly state travel, as required to fulfill expectation of grant.

How to Apply: Interested applicants should submit: 1) Cover letter indicating the location(s) for which he/she is applying; 2) Resume and State of Mississippi Employment Application [MSPB Application Template](#) to recruitment@msdh.ms.gov OR apply online with Careerbuilder.com.

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